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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2007 in the above-referenced application. Since the shortened statutory period for response expired on February 19, 2007, a federal holiday, this paper is being filed in a timely manner on February 20, 2007.

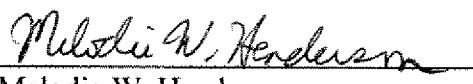
The Office Action requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of five allegedly distinct inventions, designated I-V. Applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group I.

However, as discussed in a phone call between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Jiang on February 20, 2007, the restriction requirement is not clear because the Office Action does not place pending Claim 21 into any of the five groups. Since the scope of the restriction requirement is not clear, Applicant reserves the right to traverse the restriction requirement until after receipt of an office action that clarifies the status of Claim 21. The undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to contact her at the phone number set forth below for assistance in addressing issues that can advance prosecution of this application.

In the event the United States Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petition and any other fees due in connection with this response to Deposit Account Number: 19-0365; Reference Number: DX01170K1.

Respectfully submitted,

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